(b) and (c) The steps being taken to improve the literacy rate are as under:—

(i) A new scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been started for Universalization of Elementary Education in a mission mode with a district focus. SSA is to provide useful and relevant Elementary Education for all children in the 6—14 age group by 2010. The goals are as follows:

* All children in school, Education Guarantee Scheme Centre, Alternate School, 'Back-to-School' camps by 2003.
* All children complete five years primary education by 2007.
* All children complete eight years of schooling by 2010.
* Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.
* Bridge all gender and social gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010.
* Universal retention by 2010.

National Literacy Mission (NLM) seeks to attain full literacy, i.e. a sustainable threshold level of 75 per cent by 2005. It seeks to achieve this goal by imparting functional literacy to non-literates in 15—35 year age group. Major thrust of the programme is on promotion of literacy among women. In the literacy programmes, 60% of the learners are women and around 60% of volunteers also are women and young girls.

Various facets of literacy related backwardness like low female literacy, SC/ST literacy etc. are being addressed through the above-mentioned efforts.

Universities in UTs

1133. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of universities located in Union Territories;

(b) the number of students in different disciplines in all such universities

from UTs themselves and from the neighbouring States, separately;

(c) what is ratio/proportion and actual financial assistance paid to respective universities; and

(d) whether Government pay any grants on annual basis also, to these Universities, if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) a list of universities located in Union Territories is enclosed as Statement-I *(See* below)

(b) and (c) No such data is centrally compiled and maintained by the University Grants Commission (UGC). However, a statement-II showing grants paid by UGC to eligible universities in the Union Territories during 2001-2002 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(d) The Plan grants provided by UGC to the universities are approved for a period of five years, which are released in instalments on the basis of the progress report of expenditure. The Non-Plan grants to Central/Deemed Universities are approved and released on annual basis.

Statement-I

List of Universities located in Union Territories

Sl. No.	Union Territory	University
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	No University located in this Union Territory
2.	Chandigarh	1. Punjab 2. Post-graduate Institute of Medical Sciences & Research #
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	No University located in this Union Territory
4.	Daman & Diu	No University located in this Union Territory
5.	Delhi*	1. Delhi 2. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha 3. Indira Gandhi National Open 4. Jamia Milia Islamia

Sl. No.	Union Territory	University
		5. Jawaharlal Nehru 6. Indian Agricultural Research Institute@ 7. Jamia Hamdard@ 8. National Museum Institute of History of Arts, Conservation & Museology@ 9. School of Planning & Architecture@ 10. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth@ 11. TERI School of Advance Studies@ 12. All India Institute of Medical Sciences# 13. Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi#
6.	Lakshadweep	No University is located in this Union Territory
7.	Pondicherry	1. Pondicherry

* Delhi is also National Capital Territory

@ Institutions deemed to be University

\# Institute of National Importance

Statement-II

Details of grants paid by University Grants Commission to Universities located in Union Territories under Plan and Non-Plan Schemes during the year 2001-2002

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of University	Amount
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island No University located in this Union Territory	
2.	Chandigarh 1. Panjab University	984.92
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli No University is located in this Union Territory	
4.	Daman & Diu No University is located in this Union Territory	

Sl. No.	Name of University	Amount
5.	Delhi	
	1. Delhi University	10114.04
	2. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	29.50
	3. Jamia Millia Islamia	3830.01
	4. Jawaharlal Nehru University	5781.52
	5. Indian Agricultural Research Institute	12.24
	6. Jamia Hamdard	736.97
	7. National Museum Institute of History of Arts, Conservation & Museology	12.07
	8. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth	557.02
6.	Lakshdweep	
	No University located in this Union Territory	
7.	Pondicherry	
	1. Pondicherry University	1507.35

Education Funds to States

1134. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to States for education, during the last five years;

(b) the criteria followed by the Ministry for release of such funds, State-wise;

(c) the details of various education schemes of Government in different States; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism in place for effective implementation of such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Central Plan allocation for Education during the 9th five Year Plan (1997-2002) is